

SACTCG WATERWATCH BULLETIN DECEMBER 2020

Hi teams,

Welcome to the new look bulletin with professional lay out and styling (and I'm wearing a tie). The biggest issue this month is to ensure all your data is entered before **Sunday the 4th January 2021**. Entries after this date will not be included in the **Catchment Health indicator Program(C.H.I.P)** report. If you are likely to have difficulties let me know well ahead of time and I may be able to help. Also, if you have any **high resolution photos** of your sites or teams, please email them to me. We prefer to use volunteer's photos as mine are often predictable, out of focus and probably boring.

Finally, I wish you all an enjoyable festive season



Cheers,

Martin Lind

Waterwatch Coordinator.



Southern ACT Catchment Group news and events;

Head to [SACTCG Calendar/News](#) for the latest on the SACTCG website.

Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch shared news and links;



Woo talked about our Platypus Month report on local ABC radio with Lish Fejer on Thursday morning 10 Dec 2020.

If you fast forward to 1:38:15 (1hr 38mins) you can listen to their funny & informative 10 minute discussion:

www.abc.net.au/radio/canberra/programs/breakfast/breakfast/12949032

ACT Government Waterway updates;



[Waterway closures.](#)

[Recreational Water Quality](#)

[Bacteria alerts](#)

For water and sewerage faults and emergencies phone 02 6248 3111 (option 1)

Icon Water Eflow releases;



Below is a summary of water releases from Icon Water dams in the Southern ACT, courtesy of Chris Martin, Icon Water. This data is operational information and subject to change.

Bendora

Currently overflowing. Flow below Bendora Dam approximately 150 MLD. Release currently at licence requirements:

9 December 48.0 – 51.2 MLD (0.98 – 0.99 m) 16 December 29.9 – 32.9 MLD (0.95 – 0.93 m)

Licence requirements: 9 December; 51.3 MLD 16 December; 30.8 MLD

Corin

Currently overflowing. Flow below Corin Dam approximately 160 MLD. Release currently at licence requirements: 10

December 30.2 – 32.5 MLD (0.33 – 0.34 m) 17 December 18.8 – 20.4 MLD (0.27 – 0.28 m)

Licence requirements: 10 December 32.5 MLD 17 December 19.5 MLD

Cotter

Currently overflowing. Current flow approximately 135 ML/d from dam.

Licence release requirements: Base release flow of >15 ML/d, with bi-monthly riffle release of >100 ML/d for >24 hours. OR Flow requirements as described in M2C section of the Water Abstraction EMP.

Other newsletters and links;

The views expressed in some media releases and opinion pieces are not necessarily the same as SACTCG or UMWW. But they make interesting reading and all sites linked to here are bonafide.

Murray Darling Basin Authority



- [Due diligence applied to water resource plans: December update.](#) The Murray–Darling Basin Authority released the quarterly update on progress to assess and accredit the key building blocks of sustainable water management in the Basin—the water resource plans. [Read more.](#)
- [Major science investment to shape future Basin water management.](#) A multi-disciplinary team of experts is partnering with the Australian Government to arm water managers and Murray–Darling communities with better knowledge and tools to guide future best practice in water management. [Read more.](#)
- [Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council.](#) The Murray–Darling Basin Ministerial Council met on Friday 27 November via video conference to progress actions to build a strong and sustainable Basin. [Read more.](#)
- [Independent assessor gives MDBA river managers tick of approval.](#) An independent review of the Murray–Darling Basin Authority's performance in managing the Murray River in 2019–20 and its compliance with objectives and outcomes has found the MDBA's decisions were sound. [Read more.](#)
- [Crucial checkpoint finds Basin Plan cushioned Murray-Darling from worst drought on record, but more effort is needed.](#) The Murray–Darling Basin Authority's review of the Basin Plan shows there has been good outcomes since the Plan's inception in 2012, while also highlighting the need for more effort to achieve a healthy Basin that supports prosperous industries and communities. [Read more](#)
- [Dry conditions persist at the start of the northern Basin summer.](#) Water storages of the northern Murray–Darling Basin are 18 percent higher than they were during the record-low levels of this time last year, but caution remains about the summer ahead with northern dams averaging 26 percent capacity, having missed the recent rain that fell in the south. [Read more](#)

Canberra Environment Centre [December News letter](#)



CSIRO [ECOS enewletter](#)

ECOS



Invasive Species Council [Feral Herald](#)



Restrictions have eased,
**but your
responsibility
hasn't**



Maintain good hand hygiene



Stay 1.5m apart



Stay home if you are unwell



Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19

Visit COVID19.act.gov.au or call **6207 7244** to stay up-to-date on COVID19 in the ACT.